Clearance of irrigation projects of Andhra Pradesh

2630. SHRI NANDI YELLIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh *vide* letter dated 27th April, 2005, addressed to his Ministry sought clearance of irrigation projects, namely (1) laying of water conductor system for Godavari Lift Irrigation Scheme; (2) Maddigadda Project; and (3) Peddagadda Reservoir Scheme;

(b) the reasons for delay in giving early clearance, inspite of having already received clarifications from Andhra Pradesh Government as sought by his Ministry;

(c) whether Government would ensure clearance of these pending projects at the earliest, in the interest of increasing agricultural production in our country;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The proposal regarding laying of water conductor system under Godavari Lift Irrigation Scheme has been approved by Central Government whereas in-principle approval has been granted to Maddigadda Project subject to fulfilment of certain conditions. Peddagadda Reservoir Project is pending with Government of Andhra Pradesh for submission of detailed rehabilitation plan and catchment area treatment plan.

(c) Government of India takes decision on the projects that are in order in a time-bound manner so as to save delay.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Forest dwellers

2631. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families compelled to leave forests owing to provisions of forest and Environment Act during the period from 2000-01 to 2003-04, State-wise;

(b) how many of them are tirbals; and